

vent the re-establishment of the exploded works, still the petitioner is entitled to remuneration, somewhere, for damages sustained by him. And as he cannot obtain them, through any tribunal of law or equity, his only resort is to the legislature of the land.

The principle is universal, and of unquestioned obligation, that no man's property shall be destroyed, for the public good, without a suitable remuneration. And that whatever may be sacrificed to state necessity, should be compensated out of the state treasury. And since the chancellor, as the officer of the state, has declared it to be necessary for the public good, that the petitioner's means of living should be destroyed; and since, for such destruction, he can obtain no redress whatever at the hands of the legal or equitable tribunals of the state, it is right and proper that he should be redressed by the legislature, the universal guardians of the rights of the people, in the last resort. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland be required to pay to Daniel Bussard, of the city of George-town, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of four thousand dollars, as a compensation for loss sustained by him in consequence of an injunction issued by the chancellor of Maryland, on the 14th of July 1813, forbidding the rebuilding of his gunpowder manufactory, in or near Bladensburg.

On motion by Mr. Banning the following message was offered:

By the House of Delegates, January 17th, 1827.
Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to appoint a joint committee, for the purpose of proposing some arrangement, by which the present library of the state, may be preserved, of maturing such a plan, as will be acceptable to the legislature, for the gradual increase of the same, by the purchase of such books as are necessary for the use of the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary, who hold their sittings at the seat of government, and to suggest such regulations as may be expedient to give to the plan its most useful effect. With a view to which, we have named Messrs. ———, to join such gentlemen as it may be the pleasure of your house to nominate.

Which was twice read, the blank therein filled up with the names of Messrs. Banning, Barnes, Speed, Gibbons and Goldsborough, assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the house proceeded to consider the message offered by him the day before yesterday,